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In re application of: Yasunori SASAKI

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Original) A push switch device comprising:

a housing arranged in a hollow structure and having a guide portion formed on an inner surface;

an actuation body which can be moved in an axial direction by being guided by the guide portion and to which a first latchet tooth is formed so as to extend in a circumferential direction;

a cam follower which is disposed in the housing so as to rotate as well as to move in an axial direction and to which a second latchet tooth is formed so as to be engaged with the first latchet tooth;